States": * *

Alabama 1 109 000

Arkansas 852 000

Texas and Indian Territory.. 2 785,000

Continuing, the letter says that

during the month of July the crop

generally promised well, and large esti

mates of the yield were made, but in

August and September, adverse condi

tions prevailed and a marked deteriora

tion accurred. Drought was the princi

pal cause. During October and the

greater part of November favorable

weather was the rule, and the crop has

"Although the crop was planted late,

the drought forced cotton to early ma

turity, and our correspondents say up

to this date the crop has been marketed

"In our opinion, the movement hence

"For a time quarantine restrictions

forth will not prove to be in excess of

the movement of a normal cotton year.

in a portion of the South retarded ship-

ments, but to a much smaller extent

The following additional figures pre-

pared by the same firm show the posi-

tion of cotton and prices on Demember

Exports

087

128

252,023

977

593

000

706

701

635

443

626

252

587

SAN JOSE SCALE.

Prof. W. F. Massey, Horticulturist

Botanist and Entomologist N. C. Ex

periment Station and Pest Commis

sioner, writing in the Southern Planter

for December says that he has recently

received from a new point in North

Carolina a specimen of lilac densely in

fested with the San Jose scale. He

says that he has never had a report of

its attacking the lilac, and calls atten

tion to this fact, so that nurserymen

and others may be on their guard, as

they may not expect it on this plant,

"The plants named," continues Mr.

Massey, "were brought here from

Pennsylvania. Kerosene spraying is

proving perfectly effectual. One place

slightly infested last spring has been

completely cleaned without damage by

spraying, when in full leaf, all kinds of

COTTON GROWERS' CONVENTION

The following persons have been ap

pointed by Gov. Russell as delegates to

the Cotton Growers' Convention, to be

John Graham, Ridgeway: John W.

Robbins, Hickory; W. A. Capehart,

Merry Hill; W. H. Bason, Swepson

ville; O. F. Herring, Clinton; T. B.

Parker, Hillsboro; W. B. Upchurch,

The following to the convention to be

Thomas F. Floyd, Chapel Hill; John

Y. Templeton, Mooresville; Lee Mor-

row, Statesville; J. A. Earnhardt, Salis

bury; Ransom Hinton, Raleigh; R. L.

Smith, Henrietta; J. H. Quinn, Shelby;

J. F. Mitchell, Youngeville; P. B. Ken-

nedy, Falling Creek; George W. Law-

rence, Fayetteville; S. A. Edmond,

Lumberton; M. F. Battle, Whitakers:

TRUTH.

The recent death of Gen. Clingman,

poor and friendless in the State

Hospital at Morganton brings more

forcibly to mind a bit of poetry which

"The soldier asked for bread.

But they waited till he was dead.

And gave him a stone instead,

Sixty and one feet high."

J. S. Cashion, Derita.

held in Memphis on December 20th:

Morrisville.

held in Atlanta on December 14th:

478

084

4,966

013

250

954

436

817

Marketed

than was generally supposed."

4th for the past four years:

in

been materially increased thereby.

North Carolina..... 594 000

South

Tennessee, etc.....

TOTAL CROP.

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N. R. P. A.

To anyone not now a subscriber we will send The Progressive Farmer Daily Chronicle says that President every week until Jan. 1, 1899, for only

This is dirt cheap and we ought to have 10,000 new subscribers at once. Unlike some other papers, we have no on the currency question "are positi campaign fund at our backs to enable tively childish." The common opinion

GOOD NEWS.

now been printed, but we stop the press to get in the following telegram, which | newspaper business grew tired of sayarrived too late to get in our entire edi-

"HILLSBORO, N. C. Dec. 13. 41J. W. DENMARK Raleigh.

"Shoe factory whistle blew and machirery started this morning. "T. B. PARKER, S B. A."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Baptist State Convention goes to Greenville next year.

The glue makers have an organization now. We venture the assertion that they'll "stick" to it.

The next session of the North Caro-

lina Methodist Episcopal Conference is to be held in Elizabeth City. It is doubted whether Klondike

means "plenty of fish" as has been stated, or "plenty of fish stories."

In "international agreement" farce can't last much longer. President Mc Kinley himself evidently sees this.

The Democrats in this State believe in the annexation scheme. That party is trying to annex Capt. Buck Kitchen. The Methodist Conference passed a formal resolution denouncing the manufacture and sale of cigarettes. Good!

An exchange wisely suggests that five cent cotton may yet prove a bless ing in disguise, by teaching farmers to raise their own supplies.

The Democratic Executive Committee address fell so flat that there is a cake instead of an address. The Baptist State Convention met

in Oxford last Wednesday. The meet ing was well attended and many matters of interest were discussed.

It is not yet too late to sow wheat. What is the price of cotton? Answer this question and no comment on the question of sowing wheat is necessary.

Congress is in session again. This may or may not mean trouble in the future. It is a pity that bad men are generally in the majority in our national legislature.

A Kentucky preacher recently said dog clean across a three acre lawn. in a sermon that there was no devil. His audience then proceeded to raise him (the devi) and made it much too warm for the parson.

The poultry show at Asheville occurs January 4th. Charlotte is to have one Januray 12-14. Special premiums at the Asheville fair aggregate \$700, and there are \$1500 additional in cash premiums.

A subscriber requests us to ask our readers if it pays to subsoil clay land. If so, when is the proper time for doing it and what is the proper depth? We hope our readers will give their experience on this subject.

Now the Alliance shoe factory is in operation. Perhaps a good many have bought their winter shoes, but there will be a steady demand for certain grades, and we trust that the brethren will patronize the factory in every way possible.

VA good joke is out at the expense of the football players. "What kind of animal is it that has very strong limbs a flerce temper, wild bushy hair on its head and is called the king of beasts?' asked teacher. "A football player" responded the bright boy.

to school again after Christmas. is well to consider the claims of Winton Normal School Winton, N. C., and prior to the present administration. A Jamses Maske School, Lemon Springs, N. C., before starting. Write then for shows that more than \$46,000 were more information and mention THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

"Feeding Experiments, Milk Records, etc.," is the title of bulletin No. 143 re cently issued by the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station. It was prepared by Prof. Frank E Emery Agriculturist of the Station. It con tains some valuable information and we advise our readers to write for it.

V Seriff Jenkins, of Chatham, has set tled his taxes with the State. He was really the first Sher ff in North Carolina to settle in full, although the Sheriff of Johnson also claims this honor. Sheriff Ellington, however, omitted one item from his report. This puts old Chatham at the head of the pro-

The Winston Republican says that a the track, before me lies the dark valley General Winston who drew up those cratic Executive Committee. When told that he was a renegade Republican and voted for Cleveland, he sighed and said "if a radical writes the Demo. cratic platform I'll de darned if I will vote the ticket."

A leading English paper, the London McKinley's message, is weak and tame compared with President Cleveland's, and says McKinley's comments is that McKinley is the same servile slave of Wall Street that Cleveland Narly one-third of our edition has was, and lacks Cleveland's backbone. When those agents of Shylock in the ing the Populists and Republicans of North Carolina were responsible for outrages committed, they published a yarn on Senator Butler saying that he said some Democrate were responsible. Then they told how "mean" he was. This is worse than a case of the "shunk telling the opossum his breath smells

We regret that owing to the absence of our associate editor, who expected to compile the proceedings of the Meth odist Conference, which held such a successful session here week before last, the proceedings did not appear in our last week's issue. We owe an apology to our readers, but as the error was not detected till too late to remedy and the news is now stale we shall have to let this matter go with promises to do better in future.

Our readers patronize our advertis ers. When we find they do not, we will follow the example of thousands of other journals and make a lot of money by taking humbug ads. It will not hurt our conscience then It is not our fault if you are humbugged by the advertiser in some Northern jour nal, but if you ever find an ad. in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, which is not thoroughly reliable in every way, we ask you to notify us.

Western North Carolina is getting famous as an apple-producing section. Bro. Geo. E. Boggs is one of the most successful, enserprising and progressive ing must go. We must have intelligent, growing suspicion that it was a pan of these apple growers. Apples are far seeing farmers who make the farm now being shipped from Waynesville their study. For such men there is to New York and even to Europe. Everywhere these apples are winning the praise they so richly deserve. There's money in apple-raising, and some of our enterprising brethren in Western Tarheeldom are getting it.

> THE OPINION OF THE DEMO-CRATIC STATE BXECU-TIVE COMMITTEE.

"'Twere better we had never met," as the goat remarked after his unsuc-

BANKING IN TEXAS.

Wild eyed Pete of Texas Drew at sight on Brown. Next day the proceeds were deposited In the sand bank south of town, -Up-to Date.

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RECORDS TELL A STORY.

A certain newspaper in Raleigh-"it self an organized hypocrisy"-has had much to say about the employment, by Florida.... Gov. Russell, of counsel to assist the Georgia............... 1 430,000 Attorney General in the important railroad litigation pending in the courts, in many respects the most important that has arisen in the State during its existence. While the statutes do not contemplate that the Attorney General of the State shall appear for the State in all matters where the State is interested, as no provision is made for the expense that would be necessarily in curred in so doing, and it would be impossible to do so, and also to be in at tendance upon the sitting of the Supreme court for about seven months in the year, still one would think from Many farmer boys and girls will start | the wild statements made by the above referred to newspaper, that not a cent had been paid for extra legal services cursory glance at the Auditor's reports paid out for additional legal help dur ing the terms of Attorney General Kenan, Davidson and Osborne, In some instances it was probably properly expended, as when the Attorney Gen eral was not able to attend to the par ticular business by reason of pressing public duties elsewhere; in many other instances the Attorney General doubt less could and ought to have attended to the same without the employment of any other counsel. The statutes authorizing the Governor to employ coursel were passed with a view to giving the legal officer of the State as sistance in cases of great importance, in which it become necessary to secure the ablest legal talent to be found to meet the formidable array of lawyers against the State. But be all this as it may, the examination of the Auditor's ports disclose the facts and lays bare the contemptible and sneaking hypocrisy of certain Democratic "axe grinders" and "organ grinders."

TIME BXTENDED.

In 1893 the Inter State Commerce Commission passed an order requir ing the railroad companies to place air brakes and other safety appliances upon their freight cars for the better protection of life. Recently the rail reads asked for an extension of the time allowed to complete the work. Last week the Commission extended the time two years Of course this will meet with approval if the time given was too short. But the Commission should not fail to insist on a strict compliance with the act of Congress requiring the appliances. The numerous fatalities among railroad men by reason of badly constructed cars should be a sufficient ir centive to the railroad companies themselves in this matter.

WHY IS IT?

To use a slang phrase the Raleigh correspondent of the Charllotte Obser ver "spoke a parable" when he wrote

"The question now is whether th two conventions of cotton growers, or indeed a score of such conventions. can have any effect in uniting the far mers. It is remarked that of all classes the farmers have the greatest power and know less how to use it. They know nothing of organization and distrust each other as to crops and to any unity of action."

"Of all classes, the farmers have the greatest power and know less how to use it:" there's the whole thing in a nut shell. "Tis true 'tis pity 'tis 'tis true.

The clipping from Farmers' Voice, which we publish on the first page, contains some food for thought. The writer of it speaks a truth, which, while not generally recognized as such, is none the less the truth when he says that a "broader and more inviting field is open to intelligent farmers than to any other class in this country." The time has come when the unscientific and "slip shod" methods of farm really a broad and inviting field.

THE COTTON CROP.

We have received from Lathan, Alexander & Co., Bankers and Cotton Commission Merchants, 16 and 18 Wall St, New York," an estimate of the United States Cotton Crop of 1897-1898. Latham, Alexander & Co, we will say are said to furnish as reliable esti mates as to cotton and its price as any firm known. Their figures are, of cessful attempt to knock a cast iron course, not perfectly accurate, but they are doubtless as nearly so as any that can now be obtained:

"Basing our calculations upon an ex haustive correspondence with all the cotton growing counties in the Southern States, reliable information secured from individuals and from travelers through the South, and upon the percentages of the crop marketed at numerous points, say they, the following is our estimate of the total yield by

INJUSTICE TO PUBLISHERS. BALES.

In our issue of November 16th, w published a letter from Mr. T. W Wood, regarding the injustice done seedsmen by the government. A re cent issue of Farm and Home, com plain of injustice to publishers of farm papers in a pointed article, entitled. "More Extravagance-Stop It!"

It is as follows:

"Now it is Secretary Wilson who has got the printing fever. He is going to ask Congress for a lot of money with which to print hundreds of tons of additional documents for the United States Department of Agriculture But it has not yet been made clear why the government should go into the business of furnishing free documents and agricultural papers to farmers, especially when the regular press is issuing such a quantity, variety and quality of agricultural matter at nominal prices If the government is go ing to do the publishing business of the country, let it furnish all the books and papers now published, for literary or special purposes Why government should seek to monopolize agricultural publishing is not clear. There are a thousand and one ways in which the department of agriculture can use money to better advantage than by printing additional lons of "pub docs," a large proportion of which finally go to the junk shop. This printing abuse extends to all departments, and is part and parcel of the free seed humbug and similar extravagances. If the incoming congress wants to serve and please the people, let it economize. Millions of public funds are worse than wasted, Extravagance has run riot. In 1870 Federal expenditures got down \$300,000,000 for the year, and gradually decreased until in 1896 (after some years of good times) it cost only \$242 500,000 to run the national government. But with the advent of hard times, public extravagance so increased that the expenses averaged \$358 600,000

The Southern Planter, for December, also takes a firm stand against this ex penditure of money which is at once unjust to publishers and a waste of the people's money. The Planter says:

annually for the three years 1894 5-6

It cost 50 per cent. more to run the

government during the recent hard

times than in the good times before

1887! This thing has got to stop, or

new taxes will have to be imposed to

meet the increasing deficiency caused

by increasing extravagance. Both

parties have been guilty of this sin,

both should unite in reform.

"We think the Secretary (of Agri culture) makes a mistake when he proposes to increase the issue of free literature from the department. We believe that much of that already is sued is wasted. This is largely evidenced by the fact that the sales of such copes of reports and publications, as can only be had by payment, are very small. That which can be obtained for nothing is rarely appreciated or valued. An extension of the free pub lication and distribution of agricultural literature is an unfair competition with the publishers of agricultural journals, to which no other class of publishers or businesses are subjected, and ought not to be favored. The basis of this government is, equal equal rights to all and favors to none.

QUILL DRIVERS.

What They are Saying and Doing. Brother King, of King's Weekly, is in "tough luck." His foreman has been celebrating recently, and he, hav ing tired of that position himself, is now advertising for a printer who doesn't use fire water.

The editor of the Dale County (Ala) News has made the following appeal to subscribers: "Friends, a little help would be appreciated very much—can't you bring us some sweet potatoes or corn? An editor once choked himself to death trying to eat grass."

The Raleigh News & Observer has purchased the Times, the new afternoon paper recently started here. The Post. edited by ex Auditor R. M. Furman, appeared on time and is quite a lively sheet. It is also stated that a new Republican paper is to be started here soon. It will be either a daily or tri-

"The Journal" is the name of a new for the "good of the party." paper just started at Elkin. Walter B. Bell is editor. This Bell evidently has the right "ring," as the following from him will testify: "We have the ated lawyer to a witness who, though left hind foot of a graveyard rabbit cleverly cross examined, refused to caught on the dark of the moon before contradict himself. "Well, sir," said day. With this safeguard we ought to the other, cheerfully, "if I wasn't on succeed in building up a large circula- my oath, I might say the same of you. tion for this paper."

Longfellow once wrote. This poem, Col. Al Fairbrother of Fairbrother's however, is one of those bits of litera-Farrago, Danville, Va., is an editor of and then put this paper in your chair. ture which contains more truth than no mean ability. He announces a When you sit down on it, it will re-\$5,000 prize story, written especially mind you that you ought to tell your for his paper as a Christmas treat for neighbor of our offer to send the paper his readers. "It's a \$5,000 prize story," until January 1, 1899 for one dollar, he says, "and we never paid for any. and get his subscription.

thing more cheerfully in our life " Now, most people wonder how Col. Al could afford such a thing. Col. Al doesn't. He paid "Jack, the Paint Slinger" (the author of the yarn) a cool five thousand to write it, but it was a due bill and is not due in 200 years. Col. Al is a trump. Some subscribers wish to pay for their paper in the same kind of stuff which Col. Al's novelist received for his yarn.

An exchange says a brother editor writes in the following effectionate manner to a delinquent subscriber:

"The office 'devil' is seven weeks ba hind on wages and kicks on soup three times a day. He may get mad and

"The paper dealers won't trust us any more.

"Our woodshed is empty and a cold winter is coming. (The neighbors have all bought padlocks)

"The old cow has dried up and the baby is living on lime water.

"McKinley bill has boosted the price

"The grocer's boy said he had orders not call any more.

"We have borrowed money to pay postage on this letter. If you can't send us the money please write us your quickest and easiest method of committing suicide."

General J. S. Smith, a Maine man. tells how he published a paper without a press in Bath, Me., many years ago: When I'd get my paper all set up and ready for the press, I'd lay the type on a washstand, get it all leveled down well in the chase, or the frame in which it was locked up, and then I'd call the hired girl. She weighed about 210 pounds when she sat down. That's what I wanted-sitting down weight. So after the hired girl came in I inked the type, laid over it the sheet of paper and on top of that the blanket, and then I politely invited the hired girl to sit down on the washstand. Two hundred and ten pounds, remember! The result was just as good an impression as you could get on any \$100 hand press made in the United States. My edition in those days was about 200 copies, and the hired girl was good for the job at one sitting-or rather 200 sittings. And she took an interest in it, too, and was just as ready for business every publication day as a \$20,000 Hoe perfecting press would be."

WATCH HIM

Watch that man about whom the plutocratic press tells no lies. Think twice before you vote him. Watch that paper about which the plutocratic press tells no lies. Think twice before you subscribe for it. There's more sense than fun in a little joke from Puck. "I'm afraid," sain the candidate, gloomily, "the other side has me beaten and they know it " "Why do you think so?" asked his friend. "Well, there are very few campaign lies being circulated about me." Plutocrats and monopolists don't waste their powder on dead game.

A FOOLISH MAN,

What would you think of a man who fights another man armed with a gun with all modern improvements when he himself has but a trifling old bow and arrow? You would probably call him a fool-perhaps something worse. You would laugh at him, And yet, did it ever occur to you that the farmer who refuses to j in the Alliance of other farmers's organization is acting just as foolishly? He is trying to fight the monopolists who have modern, well-supported organizations, when he himself is alone, single-handed, using the same weapons, we might say, which were used by labor centuries ago.

CHEEK.

The position of the North Carolina Democracy is now known to be fully in accord with the Chicago platform, and with W. J. Bryan. No honest white man, who favors free silver and genuine reform in both State and nation, need longer hesitate to realign himself with the Democratic party.-Kinston Free Press.

We fancy that it requires a lot of cheek to read that section of the Demo cratic address congratulating Tammany on its success, and straightway make a statement like the above. But some people will do almost anything

"It seems to me you are rather smart this morning," said an exasper-

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